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REMARKS

Upon entry of the instant Amendment, Claims 1-19 are pending. Claim 1 has been amended to correct a typographical error. Claim 4 has been amended to overcome the Section 112 rejection. Claim 17 has been amended to more particularly point out Applicant's invention.

Claim 1 was objected to because of the recitation of "SSGN." Claim 1 has been amended to recite "SGSN." Thus, the basis for the objection is obviated.

Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 4 has been amended to overcome the antecedent basis and clarity issues identified in paragraph 2 of the Official Action.

Claims 1, 5, and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Palat et al., U.S. Patent Application No. 2010034231 ("Palat"). In order for there to be anticipation, each and every element of the claimed invention must be present in a single prior reference. Applicants respectfully submit that the claimed invention is not taught, suggested, or implied by Palat.

As discussed in the Specification, one aspect of the present invention relates to a system and method for providing multimedia content in a GPRS network. Accordingly, in one embodiment of the invention, a Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) application server is connected to an SGSN/gprsSSF by a SIP User Agent (UA). The SIP UA supports the SIP protocol. The system is implemented by reusing a GPRS Attach/Detach Finite State Model and a GPRS PDP Finite State Model. When relevant detection points in these state models are encountered, the SGSN provides an indication to the SIP User Agent, which will determine the necessary action, i.e., trigger the network event to the SIP Application Server with SIP request. Thus, claim 1 has been amended to recite "wherein said SGSN includes a Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) user agent for interfacing to a SIP application server, to provide multimedia services to said mobile station;" claim 5 recites "wherein said SGSN includes a Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) user agent. . .and a SIP application server,

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said SIP user agent and said SIP application server adapted to provide multimedia services to said mobile station;" and claim 11 recites "providing a SIP application server, said SIP user agent and said SIP application server adapted to provide multimedia services to said mobile station."

In contrast, Palat merely provides for a "VC-SGSN" 30 in which an SGSN and a "voice service box" are combined in a common unit. Palat, however, does not appear to provide for a multimedia feature such as a SIP user agent or, indeed, a SIP application server. Thus, Palat does not appear to relate to providing multimedia content using SIP in a GPRS network. As such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection.

Claims 17-19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Verkama, U.S. Patent Application No. 20010050908 ("Verkama"). Applicants respectfully submit that the claimed invention is not taught, suggested, or implied by Verkama. More particularly, claim 17 has been amended to recite "pushing content to said mobile station from a SIP application server." Thus, like the other independent claims, claim 17 recites use in a SIP environment. While Verkama relates to a GPRS network, like Palat, Verkama has nothing to do with such an environment. As such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection.

Claims 2-3, 6-10, and 12-16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Palat in view of Verkama. Applicant respectfully submits that these claims are not taught, suggested, or implied by Palat or Verkama, either singly or in combination. As discussed above, neither reference relates, inter alia, to a SIP environment in association with a GPRS system. As such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection.

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For all of the above reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance, which allowance is earnestly solicited.

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